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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Two former residents of Strathmore, Messrs T. B. Blackadder and D. McDonald, have been in town this week renewing acquaintances. Mr Blackadder was formerly manager for the Riverside Lumber Co., while Mr McDonald has large farming interests around here. They are now proprietors of Airdrie Hotel.

Mr De Vine of Nanton paid a visit here this week.

Mr W. F. Swan arrived here last Sunday with a car of household effects. Mr Swan is uncle of Mr C. D. Swan, of the firm of Messrs Swan & Moore.

Quite a number of local people have already left or are leaving to spend their holidays in the East. Among those are Dr Girvin, Mr A. L. Clemens, Mr P. G. Owen, and Miss Morris.

Mr R. McDonald, auditor for the Riverside Lumber Co., was here this week.

A new teacher has been appointed for Strathmore School in the person of Mr H. A. Spicer. Mr Spicer comes from the Normal School, Calgary, with the highest recommendations. The increase in the school staff has been rendered necessary by the great increase in the number of pupils attending.

John Bull and Uncle Sam were two of the names on the King Edward visitors' book. Both stopped on Thursday morning, and they certainly made their presence felt while here. Some of the local people had quite a time entertaining them.

Mr Cotterell, of the Demonstration Farm, was seen sporting a fly net on Thursday morning. The sight gave some people the impression that summer had again arrived.

Dr A. Fisher has arrived in Strathmore, and will act as Dr Girvin's locum tenens till that gentleman returns from his well-earned holiday. The Doctor expects to be away about three weeks, and will spend Christmas at the home of his mother in Kingston, Ontario.

It should not long now before Dick Kiln returns from England with his bride. Strathmore will sure give them a rousing reception.

Despite the lateness of the season a few landseekers are still around. A party were here at the beginning of the week, including Mrs Todd, of Lincoln, Nebraska; L. W. Bennett, of Burlington, Kansas; and Geo. A. Sharpe. They could not see much of the land for snow, but what they could see seemed good to them.

Mr A. W. Fearman, of Gleichen, was here during the week.

Mr Hayes motored down from Calgary Tuesday.

Mr C. Dunlop, who used to conduct a land business here, was also in town Tuesday.

After the editor of this paper had signed his name on the hotel register the other day, some wretch had the audacity to add immediately after, "The Local Lie." We indignantly repudiate the insinuation. Like the immortal George Washington, we couldn't tell a lie.

The Casey-Knight Amusement Co. are promoting a Masquerade Ball to be held in Lida's Hall on New Year's Eve, December 31. It will sure be an enjoyable function, and should attract a large audience. Some of the local people are already looking out their costumes. Prizes will be offered for the funniest costume and for the best-sustained character.

Ambrose and Ruth and Brown and Ethel came in for mention at the Cousin Kate concert on Wednesday.

At an interval in the concert programme on Wednesday, in the course of general complimentary references to the town, the hotel, and all round generally, Mr Ray Brandon paid a special tribute to Dr. Girvin. When Miss Russell arrived here, he said, she was very ill, and had it not been for the Doctor's kindly services the performance would have had to be cancelled.

Mr T. F. Rowe is now employed in the Standard Office. Mr Rowe served his apprenticeship to the printing trade, but afterwards desired it for the music hall stage, which profession he followed up till a few months ago, when he left the Old Country to come to Strathmore.

The Skating Rink is now in full working order, four powerful gasoline lamps having been fitted up. Large numbers are taking advantage of it nightly, and hockey practice is in full swing.

Mr Lancaster, the contractor for the new fire hall, will start work on the excavation on Monday, if the weather is still favorable.

Mr W. S. Bush has received a contract to build a depot at Grassy Lake, and will start work there next week.

Mrs J. A. Schultz, who was severely ill last week, has recovered, and is now able to be around once more.

Two former pastors of the Strathmore Methodist Church will preach here on Christmas Sunday. One is Rev. Walter Davidson, who opened up the church here, and the other is Rev. J. E. Collins, his successor. Both gentlemen are well-known and highly-respected here, and there should be large congregations at both services.

To be kicked on the nose by a cow is rather a rare experience, but a local man is still wearing a scar on his proboscis caused a fortnight ago by contact with a bovine hoof.

Our local Mark Twain—guess who that is—is leaving for a holiday, and his genial presence will be much missed at the supper-table. It is rumored that when the return he will be accompanied.

From the Gleichen Call—"Coming Events—Dec. 29, Ranchers' Annual Ball, followed by a dance. What's the difference, anyway?"

Spend Your Money at Home.

A drummer paid his hotel bill at Homeville, handing the clerk a \$5 gold piece.

A few minutes after the hotel cashier handed that five to the local butcher in payment of a meat bill. The butcher dropped into a shoe store and left the V in exchange for a pair of shoes for his wife.

That evening the shoe man passing by the hardware store handed out the gold piece for a lawn mower. It remained in the hardware man's till all that night.

Bright and early next morning, the hardware man handed it out to the haberdasher and wore away a new hat.

The hatter kept the five until nearly noon, when he pressed it on to the grocery man in payment for his monthly account.

The grocery man's wife next took possession of the coin and exchanged it at the drygoods store for sundry purchases.

The next man to get it was the drayman, who had a bill for hauling.

He in turn passed it on to the doctor, who had treated his sick child.

The doctor handed it over to the druggist for value received, and the druggist deposited it in the bank.

The busy little coin might have continued its merry round in the town, but the next day it fell into the hands of a farmer selling chickens.

He sent it away to a mail order house, and it never, never came back.

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An Anti-Preference Plea.

In another column we publish a letter from a Mr. E. N. Price, with reference to a leader which appeared in the "Standard" a fortnight ago. Mr. Price appears to be one of a class of persons, more numerous, perhaps, in Great Britain than in America, who show a marked inclination to view economics through glasses of limited vision. He also makes the error of stating that we advocate an increase of 10 cents per bushel in the price of wheat to the British workingman, or, as he terms it, the "English" working man. What we said was that under a preferential tariff the Canadian farmer would get 10 cents more per bushel for his wheat than what the foreigner would, which is a different matter entirely. The object of the Colonial Preference agitation is to establish Free Trade within the Empire and Free Trade within the Empire would benefit both the Colonies and the "tolling masses" in Britain. With reference to the last place, the trouble is that a large proportion of the masses do not get an opportunity to toil, owing to the system of free imports, which is the cause of the dry rot we referred to in our previous editorial. The British Empire covers one-fourth of the globe, and is perfectly capable, from its natural resources, of supplying bread, meat, and every other necessity, without having recourse to outside markets. That is what the object of Colonial Preference is, and we repeat that it is one that will help both the masses of Great Britain and the people of the Colonies. The encouragement of colonial produce will broaden the area of production, and thus decrease the price of necessities, while it will free the British consumer from tender mercies of the Beef Trust and other kindred organizations.

A large part of Mr. Price's letter is quite beside the point. References to a "crazy House of Lords" are out of place, without an attempt to prove what crazy things they have done. The present British Budget will not decrease the burdens on the British working man. Tariff Reform will, for it will give him food, and without work and wages food, no matter how cheap, has no charm for him. The talk of taxing game preserves, etc., seems out of nonsense for nine-tenths of these preserves possess as much commercial value as the slopes of the Rockies. We repeat again that a commercial union of the Colonies and the Mother Country is what is going to help both, and though the details of the policy may be contorted by persons of limited vision, into an increase in food prices, the ultimate effect will be to cheapen prices and encourage industry all over the Empire.

Ontario Seed for Alberta.

Some two years ago Ontario seed men supplied Southern Alberta farmers with special grades of oats, and two-rowed barley, the farmers undertaking to sell to those supplying the seed all of their surplus crop at market prices. The object of the Ontario interests was to provide the farmers in that province with seed grain of a weight and standard equal to that in use in the west. Shipments of this grain are now being made almost weekly to Ontario points. The five car loads, having already been shipped, the oats weighing 42 to 44 pounds per bushel, and the barley 55 pounds to the bushel, which is a record weight for two-rowed barley. The grain companies here endeavored to secure this barley; but the contractors of the eastern company is binding. The action of the Ontario interests is almost identical with the methods employed by Americans in the central and western states, large numbers of whom are now securing their pure seed from Southern Alberta. Interests requiring pure seed, and Scottish and Alberta brewers are all endeavoring to secure every available bushel of barley grown here. The Calgary Brewing Company alone announcing that they require 50,000 bushels more before their requirements are met.

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The Bachelor's Winter.

[We are informed by the Standard that a certain young bachelor is working a young and sociable housekeeper for the winter.]
Oh, each young man, who vainly tries
Some dandel to beguile
And captivate, let me advise,
And show you how to get about
The winter, having sought to treat
about,
Anchoring no need to get about
But only live in style.
When old man Adam toiled with Eve,
And fell into the snare,
He tried to make the world believe
The fault not his. These hard, he
thought,
That he should have to suffer again
Because he after knowledge sought,
Lest you like Adam be entrapped,
And fall all unsuspecting!
Take note of this new course here
mapped,
And ponder over it ere you act,
For foundation to my theory's fact,
But so each day to night giving wing
The fault detecting.
Rise from your couch at break of day,
And look on how to farm you'll find
To clear your head.
An intellectual rest
Not like a novel of the trashy kind,
But so each day to night giving wing
You'll get things ready for the spring;
And when I course, I trust 'twill bring
Everything that's best.
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Thanking the C.P.R.

At the Council meeting on Thursday, the Secretary was instructed to write the C.P.R. thanking them for the gift of the nuisance ground, and intimating acceptance.

The new nuisance ground is situated on one half of the south of the town, and in what is known as the C.P.R. pasture. It is 300 square yards in extent. For some time past it has been felt that the growth of the town necessitated the use of some other place than the ground between the railway track and the townsite, which in summer emitted a very distinct odour. The only condition attached by the C.P.R. is that the Council fence the ground.

At the same meeting it was also agreed to instruct the Secretary to write the C.P.R. thanking them for their gift of \$500 towards the fire-protection of the town. An engine has now been purchased at a cost of \$650, and when the new fire hall is constructed it will provide efficient fire protection for some time to come.

STRATHMORE,

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To Those Who Have Not Subscribed

It is our desire to see the STANDARD in every home in the Strathmore district, and to that end we shall strive to make it always interesting, and contain all the news of the town and district.

We would therefore ask you to take out a year's subscription to the STANDARD. It will only cost you \$1.50, and will be mailed regularly every Saturday to your Post Office address.

Send us a note enclosing your Subscription, or better still, call at our office, front of the old Strathmore Hotel, and have a look over our outfit. It is an exceptionally good one for a country town, and will interest you.

Strathmore and Bow Valley Standard.

IRRIGATION PROVED GREAT BENEFIT

Appreciating the fact that the number of our readers desire to compare the results secured under irrigation with the results secured under natural rainfall conditions, we submit herewith tables compiled from the 1909 report issued by Supt. Fairchild, of Southern Alberta's Experimental Farm. It was only in 1906 that experimental work under irrigation was inaugurated upon this farm, at which time it was divided into irrigated and non-irrigated sections. The duty of the Superintendent is to gain the best possible results under dry land culture, on the one hand, and, on the other, to demonstrate the value of irrigation in Southern Alberta. It is therefore, he notes that it is not the duty of the Superintendent to exaggerate the value of irrigation as compared with dry land farming. Any conclusions reached from the farm can therefore be relied upon as being fairly unbiased and disinterested. These tables, telling Southern Alberta records for the years 1908 and 1909 plainly show that irrigation is not only a crop insurance, but a guarantee that the continent's maximum crops will be harvested by those who are enabled to avail themselves of irrigation.

The increases in the crops secured this season in Southern Alberta by adding irrigation, when recorded in percentages, show in a most telling manner the additional profits that may be secured by the application of water. The percentages of increase are recorded below:

	per cent.		per cent.
Potatoes.....	260	Mangolds.....	102
Turnips.....	200	Field Peas.....	73
Sugar Beets.....	184	Barley.....	55
Carrots.....	141	Barley, six-rowed.....	45
Corn.....	128	Spring-wheat.....	33

Spring Wheat.

Varieties Tested.	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
Percy A.....	43	43 5
Preston.....	41	41 8
Huron.....	39	39 55
Red File H.....	37	35 23
Stanley.....	34	28 43

Non-Irrigated.

Percy A.....	31	33 50
Preston.....	31	31 50
Huron.....	29	28 5
Red File H.....	29	31 25
Stanley.....	28 30	28 50

Oats.

Varieties Tested.	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
Improved American.....	82	89 9
Irish Victor.....	82	82 42
Abundance.....	74	80 13
Banner.....	72 22	83 37
Danish Island.....	72 12	76 11

Non-Irrigated.

Improved American.....	82 32	84 7
Irish Victor.....	82 32	84 7
Abundance.....	74 27	80 13
Banner.....	72 16	83 37
Danish Island.....	72 12	76 11

Barley—Two-rowed.

Varieties Tested.	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
Swedish Chevalier.....	68 36	67 9
Standwell.....	64 18	67 9

Non-Irrigated.

Swedish Chevalier.....	43 36	42 28
Standwell.....	43 36	42 14

Six-Rowed.

Varieties Tested.	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
Claude.....	63 12	61 37
Oleada.....	61 32	62 42
Mansfield.....	54 8	54 8
Mensury.....	53 36	45 23

Non-Irrigated.

Claude.....	41 12	48 16
Oleada.....	41 12	39 28
Mansfield.....	48 36	48 36
Mensury.....	42 36	44 43

Field Peas.

Varieties Tested.	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
Wacatinia Blue.....	31	24 6
Daniel O'Rourke.....	28 30	21 42
Gregory.....	24	22 4

Non-Irrigated.

Wacatinia Blue.....	17	18 8
Daniel O'Rourke.....	21 30	22 40
Gregory.....	19	22 4

EXPERIMENTS WITH DIFFERENT QUANTITIES OF SEED.

Spring Wheat.

Rate of seed per acre	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

The New Depot.

A vigorous start has at last been made in the construction of the new C.P.R. Strathmore depot, to take the place of the one burned down at the beginning of September. Mr. Bush, the contractor, placed a large gang on the foundation work at the beginning of this week, and substantial progress has already been made, though the extent to which the frost has penetrated into the soil and the necessity of removing part of the old foundations has necessitated blasting. The new depot will be 73 feet long by 24 feet wide, and there will also be a fly-deck eight feet wide. The central part of the building will be two stories in height, and there will be 600 feet of

Rate of seed per acre	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Non-Irrigated

15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Irrigated.

15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Barley (Mensury).

Rate of seed per acre	Yield 1909	Average yield 2 years
	bu. lbs.	bu. lbs.
15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Irrigated.

15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Non-Irrigated.

15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Irrigated.

15.....	35	32 30
20.....	39	32 30

Corn (Fodder).

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	tons lbs.
Mammoth Coban.....	12 1300
Compton's Early.....	11 1430
Early Matador.....	15 1310
Superior Fodder.....	14 1850
Eureka.....	10 1780

Mangolds.

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	tons lbs.
Half Sugar White.....	24 840
Gold Post.....	23 230
Crimps Champion.....	22 880
Mammoth Red Interne.....	22 220
Golden Wonder.....	21 900

Turnips.

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	tons lbs.
Mammoth Clyde.....	25 160
Shirings.....	24 880
Halewells' Bronze Top.....	23 860
Perfection White Interne.....	19 280
Hall's Weabury.....	19 280

Carrots.

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	tons lbs.
Ontario Champion.....	14 1700
Half Long Chantenay.....	13 1220
White Belgium.....	12 750
Improved Short White.....	12 750

Sugar Beets.

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	tons lbs.
Kleinwangeln.....	24 1500
Victoria's Improved.....	24 510
Kleinwangeln (Raymond seed).....	23 630

Potatoes.

Yields, 1909.	Yields, 1909.
	bu. lbs.
State of Maine.....	646 48
Samira State.....	618 12
Irish Cobbler.....	605 24
Victoria's Seedling.....	587 24
American Wonder.....	567 26
Kochester Rose.....	521 24

platform 16 feet wide. It will be a frame building, and will be completed as early as possible.

Mr. A. Lancaster is undertaking the foundation and brickwork.

The Election.

The date is now drawing near for the election of a new Council for Strathmore, and there is a prospect of a good contest.

Besides the two present members, who are likely to stand again for re-election, the names of Messrs T. E. Wright, F. C. Botes, and T. J. Barrett have been mentioned. The election will take place the first week of January.

"The Domestic Fowl and its Origin."

This was the subject of a very interesting lecture given on Thursday evening by Miss Trench, of the Demonstration Farm. There was a large attendance, and Miss Trench's remarks were listened to with marked attention. To get to the origin of the ordinary domestic or barnyard fowl, said Miss Trench, it was necessary to go back to history, or even to pre-history. The ancestor of the domestic fowl was the jungle fowl, which still existed in northern India. At its earliest stage it was in a wild state. Some of the natives of this region used to sample the eggs, and found them very good for eating. They then went into the woods regularly for the eggs. Afterwards they found it was profitable to catch the birds, and so the fowl came into the domesticated state. The fowl travelled from India into Asia, and ultimately over the whole world. It was supposed to have been brought to Britain at the time of the Roman Invasion by some of the soldiers. The Dorking was supposed to be the original type brought into England. The various changes of climate and cross-breeding has conducted to varieties, so that now there were no less than 90 recognised species, and of which had not been long enough in existence to be recognised officially. It had been the custom in densely populated countries, where space was scarce to cultivate the birds for table use, while in countries where room was more plentiful they were kept for laying purposes. This was one of the main reasons for the great difference in size between the different breeds. Incubators were supposed to be practically a modern invention, but it had been found that they existed even at 2000 B.C., and produced a large percentage of fertile eggs and healthy birds. It was considered nowadays that an incubator holding 5000 to 10000 eggs was a large one; but some incubators found in Egypt had a holding capacity of about 150,000 eggs, and the system of incubation was a most successful one. In conclusion, Miss Trench expressed her willingness to deliver a lecture on some future date on the subject of practical poultry keeping, if the members desired.

Dr. Girvan moved, and Mr. Higginbottom seconded, a vote of thanks to Miss Trench, which was heartily given.

Mr. T. H. Irvine made an efficient chairman. It was decided to let the next meeting of the Club, to be held on Thursday, first take the form of a municipal mock election for Strathmore. Messrs Shelton, Forster, Higginbottom, Robeson, and Worthington were nominated as candidates.

A number of new members were enrolled at the close of the meeting.

Miss Jessie Marie Biggers.

A very disappointing audience gathered at Lloyd's Hall, on Tuesday evening, to hear the recital given by Miss Jessie Marie Biggers, under the auspices of Mr. C. P. Walker, of Winnipeg. What the audience lacked in numbers, however, they made up in appreciation. The fare purveyed was of a very high order, including several selections from the Whistler Wilson, part of the drama "The Modern Loah," and a number of humorous pieces. Miss Biggers showed remarkable powers of elocution, and her rendering of the various selections delighted the audience immensely. At an interval in the program the road was taken for a hands-on-doll. The conditions were that every contestant should guess the name of the doll. On the papers being examined it was found that no one had guessed the correct name, Minerva. The papers were, therefore, put in a hat, and Ella Lloyd gracefully picked out one, which was found to be Minerva. This name was given by Miss Jessie Dewar, to whom the doll was therefore awarded. A sum of \$15 was raised by the raffia, which was in aid of the Presbyterian building fund.

Jeanne Russell Co.

"COUSIN KATE."

Wednesday night will be a memorable one in the minds of those of the large audience that greeted the first production of drama in Lloyd's Hall Strathmore. If any went with a sceptical turn of mind, they certainly left with a pleasant surprise. Although hampered by the unsuitability of the Hall for dramatic production, the manager overcame many difficulties, and staged the comedy drama "Cousin Kate," admirably. When the play began it was at once seen that the artists were not to obstruct stand in the way of the Thespian art, and successfully portrayed their various characters. The title role was sustained by Miss Jeanne Russell, a lady of stately presence, graceful mannerisms, and cultured elocution. From the outset Miss Russell won the audience to her, and by her clever acting portraying the various phases of her character, light-heartedness, wit, cynicism, fear, joy, love, anger and grief—dramatized herself an artist, high dramatic calibre and such as will not often be met in Strathmore. The audience hereafter, glad to see a happy development, Miss Russell was highly applauded by the audience hereafter, Bartlett's "curate." He too, is an artist of high order, a comedian who compels mirth, without feeling into the depths of vulgarity; but by quaint facial expressions and gesticulations, Mr. Ross was indeed a success and will always be welcomed. He is, also, entitled to the distinction of being an able vocalist, his selections for Kate art music, accompanied by the pianist, were feelingly rendered, and he had to respond to recalls. Mr. Ross, as "Uncle Sam" the lawyer, was capital. So artist, at times, that many of the fair sex present longed in blissful anticipation of the joys of matrimony, which his character he was easy and manly, acting with artistic finish. Miss E. Ross, as "Mrs. Spencer," and Miss Mathews as "Any Spencer," were also well up in their parts, being easy and natural, and proved themselves worthy of the task allotted them. Mr. C. P. Brandon as "Bobby Spencer" was also natural in characterization, and well up in his part. Miss Leath as the maid, ably carried out her duties. In fact everyone was up to the mark, and the play was a high praise. It was pleasant news to hear that a new hall would, in the near future, be erected. Mr. Ross has made many remarks before the last act, and among them promised a return visit, and it is to be hoped that an over-throwing house will be there to greet them.

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 "Our horse and plow is ready quite
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 "No stock of dices and binoculars
 "No payments made until the fall"
 "I then hitched it and took the call
 "As farmers ought to do
 Arrived in town I stopped my host
 Whose kindly greeting pleased me
 Whilst on the table buttered toast
 And apple tartlets too
 "Our business we'll postpone till
 "Said he, whilst I with look fornom
 Thought of the account I'd overdrawn
 As farmers ought to do
 So to his yard at break of day
 Where binders, buggies, mowers, lay
 With a new machine for making hay
 A mowley crew
 But as each down was not the case
 I thought them all at ferry pace
 Keeping the while a steady face
 As farmers ought to do
 My host then chuckled with delight
 He knew not—how could he know
 How easy was my present plight
 And future too
 But as I felt that I must fill
 A space behind my waistcoat
 I loaded two bits—I wore them still
 As farmers ought to do
 WARRNER.

Men's Bible Class.

The first adult Bible class to be fully organized, in accordance with the International A.B.C. movement, is the Strathmore Men's Bible Class just started in connection with the Methodist Sunday School, with a membership of about 45.

This movement endeavours to provide for the moral, mental, and physical welfare of its members. An almost perfect "follow up" system provides for the calling on all absentees from class meetings, and sick members. One of the greatest features of this movement is the endeavor to get every member in the class at work for the good of the class, in the way for which he is best fitted.

This class has opened a reading room for all men, at the church, where various periodicals and games will be provided for entertainment. The reading room is open every evening, and fills a long felt want among the young men of Strathmore, every effort being made to provide a cheerful gathering place for men.

Under the direction of the Literary Committee of this class weekly literary meetings are held at the class room every Thursday evening. A lecture course is also being planned for this winter.

The officers and committee chairmen are: Pres., Mr. J. Higgins; Vice-pres., Mr. H. Doyle; Secy., Mr. Frank Lloyd; Treas., Mr. J. Saunders; Teacher, Mr. J. Bolton. Chairmen—Membership, Mr. B. Shilton; Reception, Mr. H. Doyle; Entertainment, Mr. Foster; Devotional, Mr. J. Saunders; Visitation, Mr. D. Salmon; Literary, Mr. T. H. Irvine. The pin worn by class members is the International A.B.C. pin, a red circle about white centre. The organization is one which will add much to the effectiveness of the school, and its members are to be congratulated on the work undertaken.

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To the Editor of the Standard.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Nov. 27th appears an article in reference to the election in Britain which to an American Tariff student is most mystifying; what relation can the "Dry Rot" in "British Industry" have to the lower cent Canada hops to gain in price of her products (wheat). You speak for the English workman and yet at the same time look forward to a time when the same English workman will have to pay Canada 10 per cent more for his bread because the for igner has to meet Canadians wheat and to per cent Tariff. If you hope to benefit the English workman by paying him Canadian 10 per cent more for his wheat. How do you propose to do it? This is all right for Strathmore but where does the bread winner in London benefit by voting to save the crazy House of Lords who would ask his little and let the useless Game preserve go Scott free where luxury enjoys the safety of centralized government and the ruling masses bear the burden of tax to support the constabulary.

Is it not clear to you if Canada gets to cent a bushel more for the wheat that your English brother feeds to his children that it mean 10 cent more to his a ready heavy burden?

I am not now discussing the merits of the free trade as protection but I only wish to note the sophistry of the arguments that are only the strongest reasons that could be used by the opposing party. The true question is one of "Revenue" and equal distribution of its burdens. Your argument in this article is much the same as that used to justify any vice and that is "I did not do you, some one else would." In other words you say to the brother in the shops in England "you had better give me (your brother) 10 cent more a bushel for my wheat and let me get rich, as buy your wheat from a Yankee and eat it at a price that gives us but little profit." This under the guise of governing him employment at home by encouraging home industry and at the same time refusing to tax those industries that rob him daily; and you would tax his home and refuse to tax the criminally needless berrings of a game preserve of the idle rich.

As long as the House of Lords can shift the burden of "Revenue" from the little property to the shoulders of the dinner pail man it is immaterial to them whether it is the small tradesman who eats his cold lunch in the back end of his store or the laborer who eats his bread at his bench without meat; or the farmer in a small way who only lives from year to year on his tenancy.

Your idea is to tax the bread of the poor because he is too poor to give tribute about it. But you must not tax British Capital or his "Lordship" will retaliate by refusing to give domestic labor even a job from which to honestly earn a living. Is government instituted to do justice or to oppress the weak because they are too weak to resist, and would therefore give it little trouble in collecting its taxes.

Dear Editor there is a principle deeper than you seem to realize or your argument would have been more fully weighed than it seems to have been.

Neither protection or free Trade will solve the English difficulty. Equal and just taxation will do it within the same classes learn to deal with men and not money as the measure of manhood and treat taxation as a public burden equally borne by all and not as a tribute from the he plees as a graft to the well to do who are an unequal part and succeed in arraying the poor devils against each other under the Banner of free trade or protection to fight while they feast.

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Grain exports and farmers this fall have watched with marked interest the results attending the various methods of cultivating the winter wheat, and it is now generally conceded that those who irrigated have secured a stand of wheat which excels in every way that which was dependent upon the natural rainfall. Prof. H. H. Hibert, of Namaka, was one of a number who irrigated shortly before sowing, and in speaking of the appearance that his wheat had on the 15th of last month, said: "The field had a decidedly green color, compared with other wheat fields in the neighbourhood, and there is not a square foot of ground that was not covered with wheat. This grain came up five days after sowing. The experience of Mr. Hibert is identical with that of a large number of others, and coupled with the increased success secured this year from winter wheat which was irrigated in 1908, it is a safe prediction that an ever increasing average of winter wheat will, in future, be irrigated.

To the experience of Bow Valley agriculturalists may be added the advice of Prof. Campbell, who, when speaking of winter wheat culture in this district, said: "I have estimated the irrigation of your winter wheat lands. This should be done shortly before sowing. Thoroughly moisten the soil, and in the spring there will be sufficient moisture to successfully draw the frost from the roots.

Alberta Provincial Shows.

The next Alberta Provincial

Spring Horse Show, Fat Stock Show and Pure-bred Cattle Show and Sale will be held at Calgary, April 30 to 8th.

Entries for the Cattle Show and Sale close the last day of January. The entries for the Fat Stock Show and Horse Show close on the 15th of March. The prize lists are now being prepared, and can be had on application to the Secretary.

In addition to the auction sale to be held by the Cattle Breeders' Association at Calgary, a second sale will be held at Lacombe on the 1st of June.

Many new features are to be added to these events to make them more interesting than ever.

Strathmore Grain Prices.

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WHEAT	
red winter	80
2 red winter	77
red winter	75
1 northern	80
2 northern	79
3 northern	78
4 northern	71

BARKLEY	
ex. No. 3	32
No. 3	26
No. 4	26
Feed	25

38th. and over	
Under 38 lbs.	23
Feed	20

FLAX	
Manitoba	1.10
Rejected	1.20

December 15, 1908.

Extension to King Edward Hotel.

Plans have now been drawn up by Messrs Lawson and Fordyce, of Calgary, for the extension of the King Edward Hotel, Strathmore. The plans show a brick structure, three stories in height, and measuring 120 feet by 37 feet. It will extend from the present building up Main Street, and then along the lane between the King Edward and Messrs Brown and Davis' store. It will be fitted up in the most up-to-date manner, and will have a parlor on each flat, and the same arrangement applies to the lavatory accommodation. The extension will add 48 bedrooms to the present number, making a total of 88 bedrooms. The work will be under the supervision of Mr. David Gurnes, and will be commenced very shortly.

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